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**TO: ALL ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURERS, HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS, MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS, HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS & OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES**

**FROM: ARKANSAS INSURANCE DEPARTMENT**

**SUBJECT: ARKANSAS HEALTHCARE TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE, DATA SUBMISSION GUIDE MODIFICATION**

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### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

Please find available via electronic publication by the Arkansas Insurance Department ("AID"), a revised version of the Data Submission Guide ("DSG") for the Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative ("Transparency Initiative") at [https://www.arkansasapcd.net/Other/DSG\\_8\\_2022/](https://www.arkansasapcd.net/Other/DSG_8_2022/).


AID is providing a public comment period for proposed revisions to the DSG for the Transparency Initiative. Proposed revisions to the DSG include:

- Aligning with Common Data Layout;
- Including institutional values to inpatient-only fields;
- Adding ZIP4;
- Adding a point of origin appendix;
- Aligning and clarifying definitions;
- Making certain optional fields required;
- Changing the language and ethnicity code references;
- Adding Arkansas Medicaid aid category codes;
- Adding placeholder fields; and
- Other technical updates.

Material revisions of the DSG are governed by AID Rule 100, promulgated pursuant to the authority granted in Ark. Code Ann. § 23-61-901, et seq. and other applicable laws or rules. Pursuant to AID Rule 100, Section 7B, notice is hereby given that public comment will be accepted for 30 days on material revisions to the DSG beginning October 21, 2021 and ending November 19, 2021 at 4:30 pm. You may use [arapcd@uams.edu](mailto:arapcd@uams.edu) or [jimmy.harris@arkansas.gov](mailto:jimmy.harris@arkansas.gov) to submit comments.

AID and the Arkansas Center for Health Improvement, the administrator of the Transparency Initiative's all-payer claims database, will review comments with the Commissioner prior to issuing a revised DSG. The revised DSG will be effective for data files to be submitted not less than 120 days after the posting of the final revised version of the DSG on the AID website.

All interested persons are encouraged to submit comments, statements or opinions to AID and/or ACHI. Direct your inquiries to Jimmy Harris, Arkansas Insurance Department, or Kenley Money, Arkansas Center for Health Improvement.

  
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